



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Veterans Benefits Administration
Washington DC 20420

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FOIA Request: 20-00977-F

Dear Ms. Baker:

This is a final decision letter regarding your electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 request submitted to VBA FOIA Office received on October 23, 2019. You asked:

1. How many deported veterans have received/are receiving benefits and services from the VA?
2. How many deported veterans have received/are receiving disability compensation from the VA?
3. What are the new policies and procedures being implemented to ensure that deported veterans are being put in a database, as suggested by the June 2019 GAO report?
4. How many veterans have been deported since the GAO report in June 2019 through October 2019?

The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) does not track deported veterans. In addition, there were no new policies or procedures found to track deported veterans in a database. Therefore, VBA submits a “no record” response.

This concludes our response to your FOIA request.

The undersigned processed your request. You may appeal the determination made in this response to:

General Counsel (024)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420

If you should choose to file an appeal, your appeal must be postmarked no later than ninety (90) calendar days from the date of this letter. It must clearly identify the determination being appealed and must include any assigned request number.

The appeal should also include:

1. The name of the FOIA Officer
2. The address of the component
3. The date of the component's determination, if any
4. The precise subject matter of the appeal

If you choose to appeal only a portion of the determination, you must specify which part of the decision you are appealing.

The appeal should include a copy of the request and VA's response if any. The appeal should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

In addition to filing an appeal with the Office of General Counsel regarding my determination, you may also seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services regarding your FOIA request from VA's FOIA Public Liaison and or Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) as provided below:

VA FOIA Public Liaison
vacofoiaservice@va.gov
1-877-750-3642 (Phone)

Office of Government Information Services (OGIS)
ogis@nara.gov
(202) 741-5769 (Fax)
Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road
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If you have any questions, please email our mailbox at 21CFOIA.VBAVACO@va.gov.

Sincerely yours,

Veterans Benefits Administration
Compensation Service FOIA Officer